



Talented teachers

When Cornelius Canary was brutally murdered in a skit put on by teachers on Thursday night at the West Intermediate School, Assistant Principal Joe Gilligan became "Inspector Clewsew." Gilligan's eye landed on Annette Curley, after he had X'd out Janice Forte and Judy Nowak as suspects. The skit is an annual presentation of the teachers, as a part of family night.



Spun fun

One new addition at West Intermediate family night was a cotton candy machine, which kept Judy Bicknell busy.



Shiprock

Rock painting was a popular activity at family night last Thursday evening at the West Intermediate School. Carole Redler was talented enough to paint a ship onto a rock.

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Rogers monument will not be moved

Rogers monument

The monument is quite unique for a monument in Wilmington. It was cut from granite quarried in Wilmington.

About 1885 some stock promoters bought land in Wilmington and proposed to have a granite quarry. They started one, off Taft Road. They cut out an ox-cart path, parallel to Swain Road to Burlington Avenue. They hauled the granite down to the railroad station, which was at that time easterly of what is now the Burlington Avenue bridge. They dumped their granite on the ground, where Diamond Crystal is today, and it lay there for years.

There was a special town meeting, to give the speculators the right to build a railroad across Boutwell Street, and down to the railroad station. Everybody went to that meeting. They voted in favor. The vote was un-

animous, and then everyone went home.

As a result of all this the stock speculators went to Boston and elsewhere and sold stock. They then disappeared, leaving the granite on the site where it had been dumped.

That land later became the property of the family of Mrs. George Webber, now a retired school teacher. She donated a piece of the rock to the Wilmington Post of the American Legion, when the Post proposed a monument to Rogers. It is that piece of granite which stands at the end of Glen Road.

The quarry off Taft Road has since been filled in. There is a smaller one, near Burlington Avenue opposite, approximately, Swain Road. That hole is the monument to a special town meeting, and a couple of men who had their own private swindle.

The construction of sidewalks on Glen Road has brought out a few problems. One of them is the intersection of Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue.

The redesigning of the intersection, much thought was given to what to do with the Rogers Memorial. It was proposed to move the memorial to a point some one hundred yards to the north, in front of the old cemetery.

But the stone is not going anywhere. Last Monday night, the Wilmington Board of Selectmen voted to leave the intersection exactly as it is.

Opinions had been solicited from various concerned parties, including the relatives of the late Harold R. Rogers, a soldier killed in World War I. Others came from the American Legion and from neighbors of the monument.

Selectman Dan Gillis was the most outspoken on the subject. He wanted no change in the intersection. He cited the changes made in the Boutwell Street intersection at Route 62.

"We opened up Boutwell Street to make it safer," he said, and then proceeded to list several recent serious accidents on that street, including a fatality.

Gillis was critical of the philosophy of the engineering department, which he said was to remove everything of beauty for the "God-almighty automobile."

Gillis then moved to leave the intersection as it is.

Dave Gagnon then spoke. One of the proposals would have removed a tree and some bushes from his side yard. The Gagnon family lives in the old Blanchard home on the corner.

Gagnon pointed out that even if a sidewalk were constructed on his side of the street, that youngsters would continue to take the shortest possible crossing. In doing so, they cut across the opposite side of the corner.

The selectmen then voted Gillis' motion. The intersection will not change. The new sidewalk will end short of the end of the street.



Won't move

The Rogers Monument, on the island at the end of Glen Road, with the Blanchard (Gagnon) house in the background.

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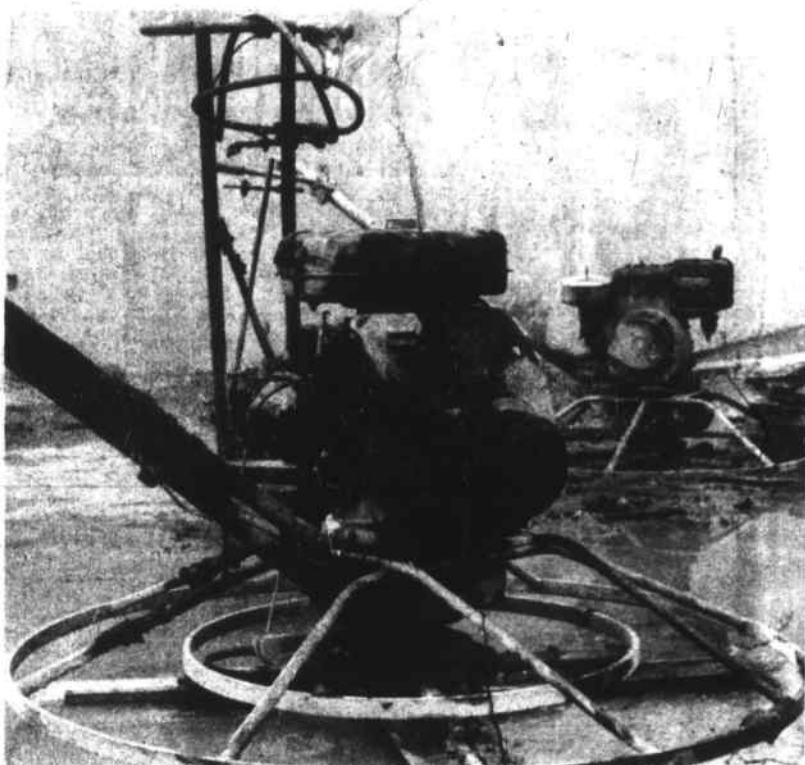
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Machines ruined

Vandals struck at the site of the new Regional Health Center in Wilmington over the weekend. Late Sunday afternoon, three concrete finishing machines were burned. Other damage was inflicted to the finish of the concrete walls.

The machines were rendered useless, their carburetors melted.

Work on the project remains ahead of schedule. The basement floor will soon be finished, after which the structural steel for the main floor will be installed.

Cook Hill bill signed

Wilmington is now empowered to put in wells on Cook Hill, under the betterment plan. Governor Dukakis signed House Bill 6712 Monday.

The bill was submitted by Representative Miceli, after a vote by the town meeting to install wells on Cook Hill, which is located near the Woburn line.

The bill allows the town to go onto private property for the purpose of putting in wells to supply water to the families who live on Cook Hill. Cook Hill, of course, is the ancient volcano in which the water department does not want to install water mains.

Open House

...at High School

Open House for parents of students at Wilmington High School will be held on Wednesday evening, November 30, from 7 to 9.

Principal Dr. Eisenberg, his two assistants, Harold Garrett and John Lynch, as well as the school's faculty will be available to meet with parents on that evening.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers, as well as look around the school and talk with guidance counselors. Maps, guides, etc. will be available at the main entrance.

From 9 to 10 p.m. refreshments will be available in the large cafeteria. This will give parents and teachers an opportunity to meet in an informal atmosphere.

...at North Intermediate

The North Intermediate School will hold an Open House on Tuesday, November 29 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Parents who cannot make it may call the school for an appointment.

Proposed MBTA legislation will save Wilmington \$226,675

House Bill 6494, now being considered by the Massachusetts legislature, will reduce costs for the Town of Wilmington, according to Rep. James Miceli. The money will be saved in the operation costs of the MBTA, as billed to Wilmington. Those bills appear annually, in the so-called Cherry Sheet.

Rep. Miceli has spent some time on the bill in the past two weeks. He has attended all the hearings and has taken part in some of the debates. A few days ago he discussed the formula with Fred Salvucci, secretary of Transportation. He was told that Mr. Salvucci will recommend that the

governor sign the bill, as it now stands.

Miceli reports that the bill is divided into three parts. Part one concerns finances and assessment formulae, and is the part in which he is most interested.

Part two concerns the structure of the MBTA under the Advisory Board, and Part three is Regulations of Service.

Under Part One, Miceli says, the assessments for Wilmington, which are now \$226,675.36 will be reduced to \$21,076.96.

That, Miceli points out, will be a savings for Wilmington of \$226,675.36.

Closed bridge open again

For the first time in a few years it is possible to drive over the old railroad bridge at Shawheen Avenue. The bridge has been closed ever since the new Fred Cain bridge was opened to traffic, near Rocco's.

Nobody has gone crazy and the road doesn't go far. The opening is there for a purpose, and one purpose only. The fence has been taken down at Main Street so the Gronemeyer family, William and Ruth, can drive home.

There is a ditch, right across Shawheen Avenue, just beyond the Gronemeyer home, and the only way that couple can reach their place is to go over the bridge. The ditch is there for the installation of the sewer line.

Mr. and Mrs. Gronemeyer live in the old Middlesex Canal House, a place that dates back to about 1802. It was a half-way house for the old canal boats, which carried cargo and passengers between Charlestown and Lowell, 150 to 175 years ago. In front of the house were the Gillis Locks, and canal barges often tied up there, for the night.

The ditch, and the use of the bridge, by the Gronmeyers, are only a part of the inconvenience that family is undergoing because of the sewer.

Another part of the inconvenience, for that family, involves the mud. Imported mud. It smells. The

Gronemeyer family has had to put up with it.

There is a chance that the mud is some that is being dredged out of the Mystic River. A few years ago there was a lot of it being trucked around, and Wilmington's Building Inspector stopped some of that mud from being dumped in a few places where fill was wanted, in Wilmington. The neighbors objected to the odor.

In other municipalities the same thing happened.

Then the Cemetery Commissioners of Wildwood Cemetery decided they wanted to fill a low place, off Wildwood Street. There were no nearby homes, and happily they accepted lots and lots of that mud. There was no living person who could object to the odor, and the commissioners were able to add about two acres to the cemetery.

The mud at the Gronemeyer place may not be the same mud, but there is some of it being trucked around, into nearby towns. Woburn's Building Inspector, just last week, ordered a Cease and Desist to a firm which was dumping mud into a place in that city - and the mud was identified as coming from the Mystic River.

Gronemeyer has said that he intends to see that the proper fill is used on his property.

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To a giant of a man - I love you. Audrey
A great man and father who is always there when we need him. Happy 50th. Dad. Love, Eddie, Dolly & Kristian
To a man we love and respect and are extremely fortunate to have for a father. Love, Maryjane, Joe & Joey
To a man who will take nothing from anyone but will give everything to make someone's day a little brighter. Love, John
To the most caring and understanding man I know. I love you. Beth.

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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday and Friday Rubbish Collection will be one day late this week.

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Judith Strand
to wed in May

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Strand, Jr., of Middlesex Ave., Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to David E. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson of Glendale Circle.

Judy, a 1974 graduate of Wilmington High School graduated from Burdette School in 1975 and is presently employed as an executive secretary by the Gillette Company of Andover.

David is also a 1974 graduate of WHS and has served with the US Air Force. He is currently attending Merrimack College in North Andover.

A May 21 wedding is planned.



Cheryl Gerakines
to wed Robert Strand

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gerakines of Peter Rd., North Reading, formerly of Wilmington, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl L., to Robert P. Strand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Strand, Jr. of Middlesex Ave., Wilmington.

Miss Gerakines, a 1976 graduate of Wilmington High School is presently employed with Automatic Radio in Melrose.

Mr. Strand, a 1977 graduate of Wilmington High School and Shawsheen Tech is now stationed with the Air Force at Tyndall AFB, Florida.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Wilmington School cafeteria menus

Elementary schools
Monday: Orange Juice, American Chop Suey, Buttered Green Beans, French Bread and Butter, dessert and Milk.

Tuesday: Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter, Jello with Topping and Milk.

Wednesday: Frankfurter on Roll, Coleslaw, Potato Puffs, Frosted Cake and Milk.

Thursday: Tomato Alphabet Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Potato Sticks, Cookies and Milk.

Friday: Orange Juice, Italian Style Pizza, Vegetables or Salad, Ice Cream and Milk.

High School, and Intermediates

Monday: Orange Juice, American Chop Suey, Buttered Green Beans, French Bread and Butter, Pudding with Topping and Milk.

Tuesday: Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter, Jello with Topping and Milk.

Wednesday: Frankfurter on Roll, Coleslaw, Potato Puffs, Frosted Cake and Milk.

Thursday: Meatball Submarine, Tossed Garden Salad, Potato Sticks, Cookies and Milk.

Friday: Orange Juice, Italian Style Pizza, Vegetables or Salad, Ice Cream and Milk.

BIRTH

SMITH: Heather Ena, second child, first daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George K. Smith, Jr. of Crest Ave., Wilmington on November 11 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mrs. Mamie Calmichael of Topfield and Mr. and Mrs. George K. Smith of Billerica.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Commissioner of Banks
THE LOWELL FIVE CENT SAVINGS BANK, Lowell, Mass., having petitioned the Commissioner of Banks for authority to establish a branch office to be located in The Wilmington Plaza Shopping Center, 240 Main Street, Wilmington, Mass., a public hearing will be given to all interested parties in the office of the Commissioner of Banks, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, November 29, 1977, at 11:30 A.M. The petitioner's brief and all communications relative to the application will be available for public inspection beginning two weeks before the hearing date.

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Coming Events

Wednesday, November 23: 7:30 p.m., Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service at Tewksbury United Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

Friday, November 25: From 1 to 3 p.m. at Villanova Hall, movies include Robinhood and cartoons.

Saturday, November 26: Country A'fair at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Treble Cove Rd., No. Billerica.

Sunday, November 27: 7:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Congregational Church. Ecumenical Choir will give the final full performance of the cantata, "Alleluia, A Praise Gathering for Believers." Public invited.

Thursday, December 1: 8 p.m., 24 Linda Rd., Wilmington, League of Women Voters National Program Planning.

Friday, December 2: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pine Tree Fair at Community Congregational Church, Pinehurst. Call 663-4266 for information.

Saturday, December 3: Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Thomas Church from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Public invited.

Saturday, December 3: From 10 a.m. on, Pine Tree Fair continues. Public invited.

Saturday, December 3: Sacrificial art sale at Wilmington Memorial Library. All paintings priced at \$50 or under. Call 657-7463 for more information.

Friday, December 9: Annual Lions Club Christmas party at the Elks Club, Tewksbury.

Please submit items for coming events listing at least one week before desired date of publication.

Tewksbury school lunch menu

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a Roll, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday: Krippy Fish, Cat-sup, Potato Puffs, Cabbage and Carrot Slaw, Rolls and Butter, Cookie and Milk.

Wednesday: Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup, Frankfurter in a Roll, Mustard

and Relish, Raisin Hermits and Milk.

Thursday: Chicken and Gravy, Whipped Potato, Spinach with Lemon Butter, Buttered Quick Bread, Jello with Topping and Milk.

Friday: Juice, Tomato and Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad, Ice Cream and Milk.

Minuteman Home Care menu

Served at Burlington Senior Citizens' Friendship Center, 45 Center St., Burlington. Site manager is Carole Burns. Reservations must be made by noon of the day before planned participation. Call 272-9552.

Monday: Orange Juice, American Chop Suey, Tossed Salad, French Dressing, Apple, French Bread, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Tuesday: Baked Liver with Onion Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Peaches in

Syrup, Whole Wheat Bread, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Wednesday: Brunswick Stew (Turkey), Raisin Cole Slaw Salad, Dinner Roll, Gingerbread, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Thursday: Apple Juice, Swiss Steak with Brown Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Carrots, Fruited Jello, White Bread, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Friday: Baked Fish with Creole Sauce, Parslied Potatoes, Green Beans, Purple Plums, Rye Bread, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Wilmington Congregational Church

Monday, Nov. 28: 7:30 p.m., Diet Workshop, The Bible Speaks.

Tuesday, Nov. 29: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 389, Girl Scout Troop 381.

Wednesday, Nov. 30: 9:30 a.m., Bible study at the Parsonage with child care at the church; 6 p.m., Cherub Choir; 6:15 p.m., Junior Choir; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 354; 7 p.m., Senior Choir; 8 p.m., Church Council.

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Interfaith Service Thanksgiving Eve

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on November 23 at 7:30 at the Tewksbury United Methodist Church on Route 38 (corner of South St.).

Music and harvest decor will add a special touch to this service of thanks which is open to everyone.

Shawsheen Tech menus

Monday: Crisp Fish Portions, Whipped Potato, Buttered Carrots, Fresh Baked, Buttered Roll, Pudding with Topping and Milk - or - Orange Juice, Steak Sub with Peppers, Buttered Carrots, Pudding with Topping and Milk.

Tuesday: Chicken Croquettes, Whipped Potato with Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Peas, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Fruit and Milk - or - Beef Noodle Soup, Bacon Burger with Tomato and Lettuce, Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fruit in Syrup and Milk.

Wednesday: Beef Turnover, Whipped Potato with Brown Gravy, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Buttered Beans or Peas, Jello with Fruit and Topping and Milk - or - Tomato Soup, Pastromi on a Buttered Roll, Potato Chips, Cabbage and Carrot Slaw, Jello with Fruit and Topping and Milk.

Thursday: Scrambled Ham and Gravy, Whipped Potato, Buttered Green Beans, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Applesauce Spice Cake and Milk - or - Frankfurter in a Roll, Baked Beans, Buttered Corn, Applesauce Spice Cake and Milk.

Friday: Chicken Vegetable Soup, Tomato and Cheese Pizza, Buttered Corn Niblets, Chocolate Sunday Cup and Milk - or - Chicken Vegetable Soup, Tuna Salad on a Roll, Crisp Garden Salad, Chocolate Sundae Cup and Milk.

Tewksbury Art Guild paint-along in oils

Lorraine DeGroot Stevens will be guest instructor and will conduct a paint-along in oils, next Monday for the Tewksbury Art Guild.

The meeting is to begin at 7 pm in the Old Chapel, at the Tewksbury State Hospital.

Mrs. Stevens is a well known New England artist. Her formal education was at the Mass. School of Art and the Museum School. She also studied privately under Vincent Tringle, Carleton Plummer, Robert Douglas and Helen Van Wyk. Her favorite medium is oil, featuring still-life and portraits. She enjoys capturing the play of light on beloved objects for commissioned work, along

with portraits and landscapes.

She has won prizes at the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society, the Arlington Art Association, the Winchester Art Association, the Woburn Guild of Artists, the Tewksbury Art Guild and the 'W.C.S.H.' Art Festival in Portland, Maine.

Lorraine Stevens paints under her maiden name, DeGroot. She resides and teaches in Arlington.

People wishing to participate in the paint-along will need basic oil paints, oil painting equipment, a portable easel, 12 x 16 easel or canvas board and black and white acrylic paint. Those not wishing to paint may watch this well known artist demonstrate.

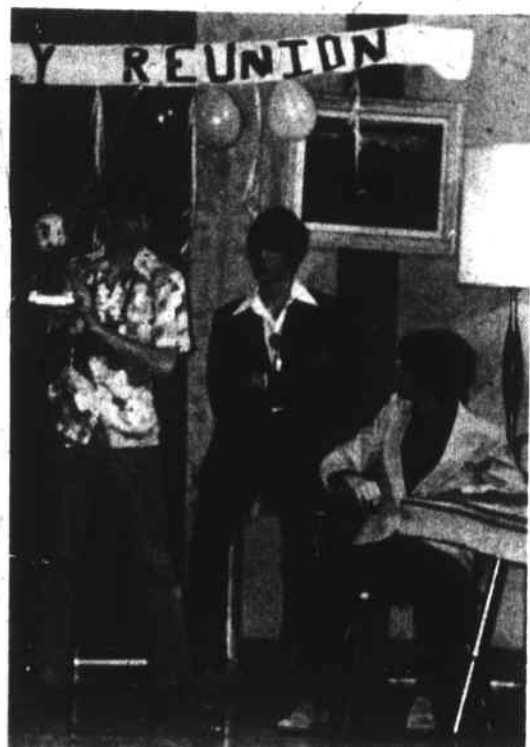
The general public is welcome. There is a \$1 guest fee.

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It pays to know the writer

Bill Cunningham proved to be just what his name reads, in his debut as a playwright and actor in the Wilmington Senior Class Play last weekend. Bill, at left above, played the part of playboy Bill Page in his play, Page After Page.

LETTERS

Dear Larz:
Due to a large number of thoughtful people in the town of Wilmington, we were encouraged and finally reunited with our straying, wayward Airedale puppy.
Your dog officer was ever so helpful and instrumental in our getting our Jenny back after three days of searching. On the evening of the third day a very kind woman took the bedraggled pup into her home, fed the hungry animal and reported at once to the dog officer who in turn notified us immediately.
Three cheers for all you good people of Wilmington!!
The Collins Family, Reading

Dear Larz:
Hooray for the Wilmington A Team Pop Warner cheerleaders!!
Someone has to commend this team for superior effort, great performance and most important, good sportsmanship.

Most of the people of Wilmington were not aware that the Pop Warner A team participated in the 12th annual Pop Warner Cheerleaders competition last Saturday in Peabody. The reason we are so sure the citizens of

Wilmington were unaware of this is because so few Wilmingtonites were there to cheer their team on.

Other towns had scores of rooters placed in strategic spots in the gym. They yelled, cheered and in one case sported a large pennant to show support for their team.

Regardless of the poor attendance from home, the Wilmington cheerleaders performed beautifully and with professional grace and great showmanship.

They did not win. Another team was superior in the eyes of the judges, and maybe rightfully so. But, the Wilmington team knew it had tried its hardest. They were good. They wanted to win.

When most of the other teams in the competition cried and carried on because they lost, our girls smiled, congratulated the winners, commiserated with the losers and behaved in a very mature manner. Our cheerleaders lost the competition, but won the respect of the spectators!

Bravo and hats off to the Wilmington Pop Warner cheerleaders for a job well done, and most importantly, a display of good sportsmanship!

Sincerely,
Lorraine Casey, Mariette Thibault and Vernice Hensey

Wilmington United Methodist Church

Richard L. Evans, pastor, 658-8217; Daniel T. Moore, asst. pastor, 658-2912; office, 658-4519.
Sunday, Nov. 27: 8:45 a.m., Early Worship and Communion; 10 a.m., Family Worship and Sermon, School of Christian Living, classes for children through grade six; 11:15 a.m., Good News Singers rehearsal; 6 p.m., Prayer Fellowship, Junior and Senior United Methodist Youth Fellowship; 7:30 p.m., Couple's Growth Group.
Monday, Nov. 28: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts 343; 7 p.m., Boy

Scouts 59; 7:30 p.m., Commission on Evangelism.
Tuesday, Nov. 29: 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts 487; 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal; 8:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall; 7:30 p.m., Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.
Wednesday, Nov. 30: 6:30 p.m., Basketball at West Intermediate School.
Thursday: 9:30 a.m., Bible study with child care; 7 p.m., Webelos 59; 7:30 p.m., Bible study in church library.

'Alleluia' Concert Sunday evening

On Sunday evening, November 27 at 7:30 at the Wilmington Congregational Church, an ecumenical choir will give the final fall performance of the cantata, "Alleluia, A Praise Gathering for Believers." Since the first "standing room only" performance last spring, the choir has accepted many invitations to perform in churches in surrounding towns.

The cantata, with words and music by Bill and Gloria Galtner and Ronn Huff, is sung by the 40 voice choir with the accompaniment of a fully orchestrated sound track. The director is Carol Prasad. Some of the familiar tunes are "Let's Just Praise the Lord," "Something Beautiful" and "Because He Lives." Local soloists are William Merrill, Wilma Fraser, Shirley Dimes and Robert Stickney. The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the vestry following the performance.

OBITUARIES

Wilfred Deslongchamps, US Army veteran

Wilfred H. Deslongchamps, of 6 Sheridan Rd., Wilmington died on Sunday afternoon at Choate Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Deslongchamps, who was 73 years of age, was born in Brockton, the son of the late Philippe and the late Exillire (Jolin) Deslongchamps. He had lived in Wilmington for the past 15 years where he was a communicant of St. Thomas Church.

During his earlier years, he had served in the U.S. Army for 14 years. Prior to his retirement, he had been employed as a foreman for the Boston Woven Hose Company and was a member of the United Rubber Workers Local No. 25.

Mr. Deslongchamps was the husband of the late Margaret A. (Criley) Deslongchamps, who preceded him in death by

eight days, and is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Mary Stevens of Fort McClellan, Alabama and Miss Joan Deslongchamps of Wilmington; his three sons, Ronald P. of Hibbing, Minn., John P. of El Paso, Texas and William Deslongchamps of Wilmington; his brother, Arthur Deslongchamps of Middleboro and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington on Tuesday at 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at noon which was celebrated by the Rev. Francis W. Mackin. Burial took place in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery.

Serving as pall bearers were: Douglas Anderson, Michael Hynes, Robert Sullivan and Francis Deslongchamps.

Alfreda White, 50 years in Wilmington

Mrs. Alfred M. White, of 152 Lowell St., Wilmington died at Tewksbury Hospital on Sunday following a prolonged illness.

Mrs. White, who was 75 years of age, was born in Duluth, Minnesota, the daughter of the late John and the late Jane (Allen) Doyle. She had resided in Wilmington for the past 50 years.

Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Peter L. White; her son, Edward P. White of Wilmington; her two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Wehler of Wilmington and Mrs. Viola

Smith of Canada; and one grandchild, Jessica White of Wilmington.

The funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington on Tuesday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at 10:00 which was celebrated by the Rev. Francis W. Mackin. Burial took place in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery.

Serving as pall bearers for Mrs. White were: Norman Smith, Yves Gruber, Timothy McLaughlin and John McLaughlin, Jr.

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Arthur L. Keefe, veteran

Arthur L. Keefe of Burlington Ave., Wilmington died suddenly on November 16. He was the husband of Mrs. Mary (Samplers) Keefe and besides his widow is survived by his son Arthur Keefe of Wilmington; his brothers William F. Keefe Jr. of

Reading and Joseph H. Perkins of West Roxbury and his sister Mrs. Gertrude Johnson of Tewksbury.

Mr. Keefe was born in Malden and was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was highly active in Boy Scout af-

fairs. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Douglass Funeral Home. Reading followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church. Burial took place in Wildwood Cemetery.

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Wilmington Youth Hockey

Bantam B's drop first 5-1

Wilmington's Bantam B hockey club lost its first game of the season last week as the Burlington team beat goalie Scott Campbell five times to register a 5-1 win. That loss opened the week, but Coach Joe Duggan's boys bounced back to record three straight wins to improve their outstanding ledger to 18-1-1.

Wilmington blasted Winchester 13-0 later in the week with Campbell seeing just six shots as Duggan's gang was firing 46 at the beleaguered Winchester netminder.

In Wilmington League action Cambridge and Acton went down to Wilmington by 4-3 and 4-1 counts.

In the Wilmington League, Cambridge and Acton both lost.

Monday, Nov. 14-Burlington 5 B's 1: The only score in the Burlington game came in the third period when Darryl MacDonald scored assisted by John Cushing.

Wednesday, Nov. 16-B's 4, Cambridge 3: Billy Redler picked up the win in goal with help from Donny Josephson who scored an unassisted first period goal. Brian McLean found his range, assisted by Mark Deyab to give Wilmington a lead before Cambridge fought back to tie it at 2-2 after one period.

In the second frame

Wilmington pulled away with Ted Moran and Donny Josephson scoring on assists from Frank Newark, Billy Robinson and Darryl MacDonald.

Saturday, Nov. 19, B's 4-Acton 1: Acton fell short as Duggan's boys out shot them 26-16 with goalie Billy Redler turning in a fine game.

Chuck McNeil lit the lamp with just 1:06 left in the first period. Mark Deyab got the assist. With just 26 seconds left Acton knotted it at 1-1. Frank DeVita made it 2-1 after two periods with Mark Deyab and Billy Robinson helping out.

In the third stanza Craig Richards upped it to 3-1 with Brian McLean and George Boudreau assisting. Acton pulled its goalie and with just three seconds left George Boudreau hit the open net for the 4-1 win.

Sunday, Nov. 20, B's 4-Cambridge 3: Goalie Campbell handled six shots while Wilmington shot 46 times for the win.

There were five goals in the first; four more in the second and four in the third. Goals were scored by Brian McLean, Donny Josephson, and Frank Newark with two apiece. George Boudreau, Craig Richards, Billy Robinson, Chuck McNeil, Darryl MacDonald,

Frank DeVita and Ted Moran all scored one goal.

Assists went to Craig Richards and Frank DeVita (three); John Cushing and Donny Josephson (two); and Jim Conti, Billy Robinson, Mark Deyab, Chuck McNeil, Brian McLean, Darryl MacDonald and Frankie Newark each with one.

Next games: WYLA, Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7:50 p.m. against Westford.

Burlington Ice Palace: Sunday, Nov. 27 at 3:30 against Lexington.

Squirt A's slip Burlington
Wednesday, Nov. 16: The Wilmington Squirt A's traveling team upped its league record to 4-0-3 last Wednesday with a sluggish 2-1 win over Burlington.

Offensive sparkplug Tom Craig scored his fifth goal of the season halfway through the second period to snap a scoreless tie. Burlington came right back to score, but Dave Richards offset that with the game winner assisted by Dave Lux and Mike Newhouse. Goaltender Bill Wolfe kept Wilmington in the game with several fine saves.

Saturday, November 19: In contrast to the Wednesday affair, Saturday's clash against Framingham was a fine game. Both teams were impressive, with Wilmington

pulling out a 2-1 win. Winger's Don Constantino and Mike Newhouse played their finest games of the season.

Bill Wolfe was strong in goal fronted by a tough as nails defense. Dave Fuller, Danny Kane, Bill Woods and Robbie Palmer stopped several Framingham rushes on Wolfe.

It took just 1:35 of the first period for Mike Newhouse to put the puck in front where Dave Lux and Dave Richards finished it off for a 1-0 lead. The Craig-Buzzell-Constantino line, while not scoring in this game, did the best checking of the day. Scott Fuller led his line on a rush halfway through the second period and a Ken Richter to Scott Poole pass resulted in a good shot on net as Richter poked it over for the final score of the game.

Upcoming action at the Youth Ice Arena is Saturday, Nov. 26, at 12:30 p.m. against Melrose.

Bantam A's down Medford
Jim Cushing's A team came up with a win and a tie in two tough games last week.

November 17: The A's downed Medford 6-5 after losing an earlier decision to that team by the same score. The Bantam's jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first period only to see Medford tie the score at 4-4 and 5-5 in the third period.

Joby Duggan scored the game winner with three minutes left in the game. Jeff Lux played a super game in net stopping 31 shots. Duggan

scored a hat trick while also picking up an assist.

Zambenardi had a goal and three assists; Foley a goal and an assist; and Mike Crimmins pocketed a score.

Assists went to Ford(3), Smith(2), and Stokes and Butler with one apiece. Thetam will miss Mike Stokes, who will be sidelined for six weeks after breaking his thumb on a board check.

November 20: Wilmington and Winchester fought to a 4-4 tie Sunday. The A's were out shot 35-26. Again Lux kept his team in the game with solid net work. Each team alternated scoring as Winchester lit the lamp first late in period one.

The fourth goal to tie the game came with 1:24 left to play. Single scores went to Foley, Crimmins, Surrette and Butler. Assists were recorded by Lowmyer and Ford with two apiece. MacMullen also picked up a helper for Wilmington.

Next games: Thursday, 9:35 p.m. at Wilmington vs Danvers; Sunday, 12:50 p.m. at Burlington vs Lexington.

Squirt B's No. Reading battle
Wilmington and North Reading hooked up this week to produce one of the season's most exciting games. The action was non-stop from the opening face-off to a 2-0 advantage. Then Wilmington came alive as Mike Stuart poked one in from a scramble in front of the cage as the buzzer sounded to end the second period.



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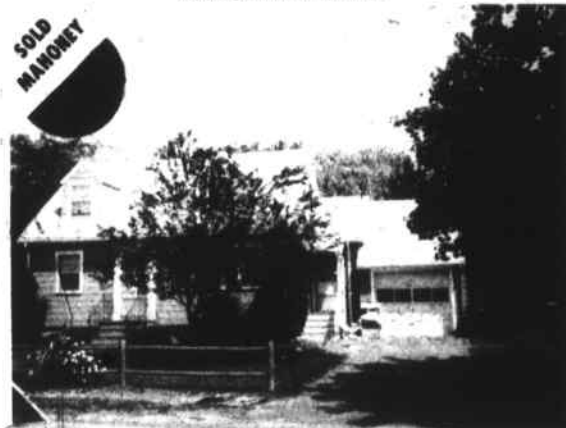
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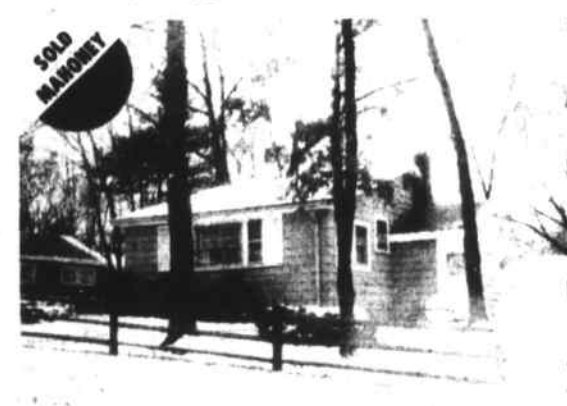
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Pop Warner A' romps over New City

Tewksbury's Pop Warner A' team romped 42-0 over the visiting team from New City, New York Sunday to highlight a full slate of PW games against New City teams at the Center School Field.

Coach Gary Ballou's C' team All-Stars dropped a 28-12 decision to the powerhouse "Mighty Rams" team from New City. Tewksbury's B's squad battled the New City F' team to a 0-0 standoff in the second game.

The New City C' team won the championship in the Hudson Valley League with an undefeated season while the A' and B's squads sported 8-1 records good enough for second spot in New City.

Tom Horgan led the A' team with touchdown bolts of 50 and 5 yards. He also set up the first A' team score when he sprinted 50 yards to the New City three yard line. Chris Whalen cracked over from there and Charlie Santos booted the two point conversion to get his team off and running with an 8-0 lead.

Tewksbury's second score came on a one yard toss from quarterback Paul Tassinari to Mark Indelicato. Paul called an audible at the line of scrimmage and neatly tossed to a wide open Indelicato in the endzone. Santos then scored a touchdown on a 40 yard run before Horgan broke loose for his pair to send the well-drilled New York team packing.

Tom's second score was set up by a Tassinari - Todd DiRocco to Horgan flicker that covered five yards. A' team head coach Joe Petros called the game "well played on both sides." There were few penalties in the contest.

"They were a well drilled team, but we got the advantage and once you start scoring it's tough," said Petros. The C' team stars broke out to a 6-0 lead in the opener on Mike Ballou's three yard run. Later George Simas notched the other C' team score on a 30 yard scamper. The games concluded an exciting weekend for the New City players, cheerleaders and parents.

Next fall the Tewksbury contingent will journey to New City for the Nov. 18-20 weekend. The second teams got plenty of work with the capable reserves taking the field four minutes into the third quarter.



Carnation bowl cruise

Tewksbury Pop Warner C' team star George Simas gets by two New City defenders, James Larson (48) and Steve DeFina (27) in the first game of Sunday's Carnation Bowl in Tewksbury. Simas later scored on a 30 yard scamper.

Capello fires Bantam comeback

Joe Cappello started a five goal final period burst with each score coming two minutes apart. The Tewksbury Bantam A's came from behind to defeat Billerica 6-4 last Thursday in league action.

Derek Vachon broke a scoreless tie in the second period when he scored on the exchanges of Russ Barnes and Mike Dascoli. Billerica came back with two to take a 2-1 lead.

Billerica then opened final period action with two goals and a comfortable 4-1 margin. Cappello started the surge with nine minutes left, scoring on the passes of Dave Wilkie and Bobby Corrieri. Vachon netted his second lampighter from Dascoli and Barnes and Ricky Sheehan pocketed the tying goal from John Doherty. Dascoli netted the game winner on a Vachon helper to put Tewksbury up 5-4. With two seconds left to play Corrieri scored to set the final at 6-4.

Defensesmen Steve Bucknam and Frank Hawkes held Billerica in check in front of goalie Scott Bonney. Jim DiLuca played a strong game up front.

The Bantam A's split wins with Stoneham last week in two non-league contests. They dropped a 7-5 league

decision Monday night and returned to the ice Tuesday night to take a 5-3 win.

Monday, Nov. 14 Frank Hawkes led the offense with a goal and two assists.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 Mike Dascoli scored two goals and assisted on another. Derek Vachon had a good night with a goal and two helpers. Mike Mara netted a marker and an assist. Robbie Richmond scored an unassisted goal after breaking up a Stoneham play. Goalie Bonney was in the nets to play a pair of solid games.

Bantam B's clip Chelmsford Goalie Eddie Walsh was outstanding in nets with help from the super defensive unit of Jerry Carr, Willy Byers, David Canelas and Steve Spinazzola as the Tewksbury Bantam B's clipped Chelmsford 4-2 last week.

After a scoreless first period, Scott Chappelle lit the lamp scoring on a nice stick

pass from Willy Byers. Mike Amorella later pumped one by the Chelmsford goalie with an assist going to Kevin Goodwin.

Chelmsford scored to open the final period, but Tewksbury came right back as Greg Raposa netted the game winner on exchanges of Fred Mainey and Jerry Carr. Walsh allowed his second goal, but the tough Amorella broke through to score an unassisted goal for the much-needed insurance.

Squirt C's blank Wilmington James Blum, Brian Sheehan and Wayne Sheehan scored hat tricks and goalie Kevin Boyle recorded the shut out as the Tewksbury Squirt C's pounded Wilmington 9-0.

Blum had two unassisted goals for the winners. David Flanagan earned assists on a pair of B. Sheehan goals while W. Sheehan added an assist. Richard Stanton, Leo McIntyre and B. Sheehan assisted on Wayne's goals.

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To all persons interested in the estate of Robert C. Gilbert late of North Reading in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by George L. Orbea of North Reading in the County of Middlesex praying that he, or some other suitable person, be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of December 1977, the return day of this citation. Witness, Edward T. Martin Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of November 1977. William F. Chisholm, Acting Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT MIDDLESEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Elizabeth V. Madigan late of Wilmington in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Mildred Kelson of Reading in the County of Middlesex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventh day of December, 1977, the return day of this citation. Witness, Edward T. Martin Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of November 1977. William F. Chisholm, Acting Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT MIDDLESEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Richard L. Smith late of Wilmington, in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Melvin J. Levine of Brookline in the County of Norfolk praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-second day of December 1977, the return day of this citation. Witness, Edward T. Martin Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of November 1977. William F. Chisholm, Acting Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT MIDDLESEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Lillian M. Woodside late of Wilmington in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Alva Melville Woodside, Leo M. Woodside and Carol J. MacMullin of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex praying that they be appointed executors thereof without giving a surety on their bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of December 1977, the return day of this citation. Witness, Edward T. Martin Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of November 1977. William F. Chisholm, Acting Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT MIDDLESEX, ss.

Gail Lois Caouette, Plaintiff vs. Ronald Joseph Caouette, Defendant To the above-named Defendant. A complaint has been presented to this Court by your spouse, Gail Lois Caouette, seeking divorce for cruel and abusive treatment, non-support, custody of the minor children. And support for herself and minor children. You are required to serve upon Carolyn N. Famiglietti plaintiff - plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Greater Boston Legal Services 14 Somerset St., Boston your answer on or before January ninth, 1978. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Middlesex. Probate, 30 Second St., E. Cambridge. Witness, Edward T. Martin Esquire, First Judge of said Court at Cambridge. William F. Chisholm, Acting Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT MIDDLESEX, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Robert C. Gilbert late of North Reading in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by George L. Orbea of North Reading in the County of Middlesex praying that he, or some other suitable person, be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of December 1977, the return day of this citation. Witness, Edward T. Martin Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of November 1977. William F. Chisholm, Acting Register.

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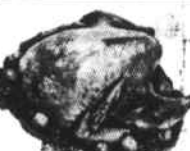
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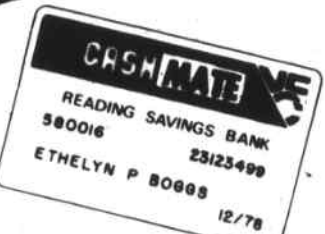
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Bits & Pieces

Hurry back Suzie
The Tewksbury Pop Warner B team cheerleaders missed teammate Suzie Corrieri during the New City, New York games last weekend. Suzie has been ill with a virus and all her friends are hoping she will hurry back to her team.

From the fire log
Members of Wilmington's Fire Department answered 38 calls for assistance between November 14 and 20 including:

Four brush fires; six dumpster fires; 12 ambulance runs; five service calls; two false alarms; one truck fire; three building fires; one fire bomb scare; two calls for mutual aid and two car fires.

Birthdays
Phyllis Flaherty of Hobson Ave., Wilmington will be a year wiser on November 26 and will share her special day with Philip Meriam, Wilmington Librarian.

November 27 will mark the special day of Ralph Ringer of Arnold Rd., Tewksbury and Len Boyden of Nichols St., Wilmington.

Stephanie Dionne of Oakdale Rd., Wilmington will be sharing her November 28 birthday with Betty Spahl of Draper Drive who will be 39 again this year.

Mike Scorsaro of Columbia St., Wilmington will become a teenager on November 29. Also celebrating on the 29th will be Derrick Carpenter of Baldwin St., Tewksbury who will blow out the candles for the 10th time and Lori Ann Grennon of Park St., Wilmington who will be nine years old on the 29th.

Identical twins Nancy Elliot of Brand Ave., Wilmington and Norma Aberle of Aldrich Rd., will make it around again on November 30th and will share greetings with at least four other Wilmington residents - Anne Marie Squillante of Main St., Greg Lyman (USN) of Meadow Lane; Robin Clark of MacDonald Rd., who will blow out the candles for the 13th time on November 30 and Thomas O'Reilly of Wildwood St., who will be making it all the way to nine years old.

Chris Lyman of Meadow Lane, Wilmington will be serenaded by friends and relatives on December 1.

Denise Vassallo of Kilmarnock St., Wilmington will blow

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out the candles for the 18th time on December 2 and will share greetings with Pat Nutt of Deming Way.

Susan Anderson of Frederick Dr., Wilmington will be a year wiser on December 3.

Golden Agers
Members of Wilmington's Golden Age Club on the current birthday list include: Lillian Kaiser of Main St., November 26; Timothy O'Rourke of Marion St., December 1 and James Watt of Chestnut, also on December 1.

Anniversaries
According to the records at hand the Anthony Tedesco's of Clark St., Wilmington will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary on November 23. Mabel and Bill Manning of Lloyd Rd., Wilmington will be dancing the Anniversary Waltz on November 28.

Frank and Mary Grennon of Park St., Wilmington will celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on November 29 and will share greetings with Carl and Anita Beckman of Aldrich Rd.

To enter
To enter an item in Bits & Pieces, call the Town Crier at 658-2346 days or 658-2907 nights and weekends. Ask for BeeDee.

Lee Webber, Rangerette
Lee Webber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Webber of Harris St., Wilmington, is a member of the Rangerettes at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Working in conjunction with the marching band, the Rangerette dance team performed routines at the home football games. The squad also participated in two parades this year.

Lee is a junior special and elementary education major.

Fans at the Tewksbury Pop Warner game on Sunday were entertained by a pair of kazoo players, Bob Ford and Rich Walsh. They hope to assemble a large kazoo band in time for Thursday's Tewksbury - Wilmington game.

Welcome Wagon
Kathy Salvach of West St., Wilmington has become the Welcome Wagon Hostess of Wilmington. Mrs. Salvach joins thousands of hostesses and hosts who greet and congratulate millions of households in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

LWV McDollars
The League of Women Voters of Tewksbury is in the process of selling McDollars redeemable at McDonald's. The cost of the McDollars is \$1.00 and are valid now through January 15 at all McDonald Restaurants.

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YMCA series
One of the popular new programs at Greater Lowell Family YMCA is the exercise class for senior citizens. The group meets Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 and participates in a series of each exercise designed to regain and increase joint flexibility, muscle tone and cardio-vascular conditioning. Following the exercise class, the swimming pool is available for swimming and relaxing. Call 464-7825 for information.

President Grennon
Frank Grennon of Park St., Wilmington has recently been elected president of the Retired Officers Association at Hanscom Field.

Diabetes screening
The Minuteman Home Care Corp will sponsor a diabetes screening session at the Burlington Nutrition Site for the Elderly, Burlington Senior Citizens' Friendship Center, 45 Center St., Burlington on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Call 272-9562 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for an appointment.

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Belmont, 12	Andover, 13	Stoneham, 0	WHS, 24
TMHS, 26	TMHS, 12	Austin Prep, 8	WHS, 10
Methuen, 6	BillERICA, 21	WHS, 6	Methuen, 0
TMHS, 16	Lawrence, 16	BillERICA, 7	WHS, 0
Chelmsford, 9	TMHS, 6	WHS, 13	Lawrence, 8
TMHS, 15	Dracut, 14	WHS, 0	Chelmsford, 10
Central, 9	TMHS, 16	WHS, 8	Dracut, 22
TMHS, 34	Austin Prep, 22	WHS, 12	Central, 0
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Series record
Redmen lead 20-15 with seven ties.

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TMHS by six

The Thanksgiving Day clash between Tewksbury and Wilmington could turn either way on a break. The defense will probably win this one for somebody Rounds vs J. Petros should be interesting should they meet One On One.



WHS varsity

The Wilmington High School football team will be a slight underdog as they travel to Tewksbury to tangle with the twice beaten Redmen Thursday morning.

Wildcat standouts Dave Rounds, Tom Bavota, John Maga and Steve Woods will be looking to make it two straight Turkey Day triumphs over Tewksbury.

Set for 10 A.M. Thanksgiving



The starting defense for the Redmen will be (kneeling l-r) Matt Riddle (end), Sid Jenkins (tackle), Rick McGillick (linebacker), Mark Petros (middle guard),

Bill Ashe (linebacker), Dave Puzzo (tackle), and Dan Bradley (end). (Standing l-r) Tim Brothers, Pat Puzzo, Mike Silverio, and Al Schultz, make up the defensive secondary.



The starting offense for coach Bob Aylward's Redmen will be keyed by the front wall of (kneeling l-r) Phil Keon, Ken Jones, Brian Colro, Dave Puzzo,

Jerry Arpin, Dennis Oliver and Pat Puzzo. The starting backfield will be (standing l-r) Guy Indelicato, Brian Wolfe, Jav Petros and Paul Weitz.

Probable lineups

16 QB	Robarge	87 E	Sugrue	17 QB	Wolfe	26 E	Riddle
30 HB	Bibeau	30 E	Bibeau	31 HB	Indelicato	61 E	Bradley
24 HB	Briggs	70 T	Maga	20 HB	Weitz	54 T	Jenkins
14 WB	S. Woods	77 T	Bavota	33 FB	J. Petros	72 T	D. Puzzo
83 T	Silvia	76 MG	Lurvey	71 T	Oliver	64 MG	M. Petros
77 T	Bavota	64 LB	Rounds	65 T	Jones	66 LB	Ashe
61 G	LeFave	60 LB	Ether	53 G	Colro	35 LB	McGillick
64 G	Rounds	38 LB	Moon	68 G	J. Arpin	89 DB	Brothers
50 C	Liston	DB	Fahey	72 C	D. Puzzo	25 DB	Silverio
87 E	Sugrue	83 DB	Blaisdell	87 E	P. Puzzo	DB	Schultz
83 E	Blaisdell	23 DB	Carbone	80 E	Keon	87 DB	P. Puzzo

Town Crier
pre-season picks
(September 21)

1. Chelmsford
2. Dracut
3. Tewksbury
4. Wilmington
5. BillERICA
6. Lawrence
7. Andover
8. Central
9. Methuen
10. Austin Prep

Pressure defense could wipe out TMHS nightmare

Bob Aylward, his team, and the majority of the townspeople have been waiting a year for a chance to erase the nightmare - the nightmare of a 9-0 season and a berth in the Division I Schoolboy Football Super Bowl being bludgeoned away by the Wilmington Wildcats 32-0. The winners battered Tewksbury with 327 rushing yards as fullback Gordie Fitch (142 yards-one touchdown), halfback Bobby Sferazza (138 yards-two TD's), and quarterback Jim Stewart (59 yards-two TD's) ripped up the Redmen defensive middle.

Aylward says his kids are taking a "serious" attitude toward this game - probably for two reasons. 1) They still have a shot at a four way tie for the MVC championship if BillERICA defeats Chelmsford and if the vastly improved (yet still winless) Methuen team can hand Dracut an upset. The third "if" is can Tewksbury dent a Wilmington defense that has allowed just 60 points (fourth best in the MVC) this season. 2) 32-0. That score is etched in the minds of every Tewksbury player who suited up for that game.

The feeling of many people who watched last year's game was that the Redmen were too keyed up - too high to perform at the almost flawless level of execution that had made them 9-0-0 to that point. Aylward doesn't think so. "I disagree with that. That wasn't the case at all," says the TMHS mentor. "Wilmington played the finest game in the history of their program. They had great talent on that team. That was as well as I've ever seen any Wilmington team execute." Aylward had a close-up look at that execution for several seasons as an assistant coach under Wilmington head man Fred Bellissimo before moving on to take the TMHS reins four years ago.

The key to a Tewksbury High School football win is the pressure that the defense can put on the opposing offense. Thursday's annual battle with Tewksbury hasn't received the pre-game attention that last year's "showdown" was given, and the reasons are obvious. The Wildcats go into the game with a 4-4-1 slate and compared to last year it has been a disappointing campaign.

The defense has played well while the offense has had its problems moving the football. With the exception of the Dracut game the Wildcats have been in every ball game. Andover won in the last second 14-10; BillERICA won by a touchdown 7-0 and Chelmsford

When a good amount of that pressure is applied the Redmen get the turnovers (interceptions, fumbles) that are a big part of their game. "In last year's game we got zero defensive turnovers and some penalties hurt us - but I'm not saying that's (penalties) what cost us the game," admits Aylward. What didn't help matters much was the fact that the Redmen had the ball inside the WHS 10 yard line three times and couldn't score.

Aylward is making "damn sure" that he does at least one thing different in this year's war at the Center School Field in Tewksbury. His players will wear sneakers if the turf is frozen as it was a year ago. "I apologized to every kid for that last year," relates the concerned coach. "My coaches suggested that we bring the sneakers and they might have made a difference in at least three cases." If the footing is bad Tewksbury will be more prepared than they were last Turkey Day morning. But all that was last year. Ancient history right? The Redmen simply were beaten.

Aylward stood in the dark after last Thursday's spirited practice and discussed this year's TMHS-WHS game, among other things. There has been speculation that Aylward and his team would like to stick it to the Wilmington charges as a measure of revenge. The thought is a natural one, but the classy TMHS leader wouldn't comment for the record saying only that "Wilmington is not a team that leaves itself open to be taken advantage of." What he is more concerned about is Wildcat sophomore quarterback John Robarge who has completed 19 of 36 passes for 320 yards since taking over for senior Steve Woods in the second half of the Dracut tilt two games ago. "It appears that the Wilmington coaching staff has more confidence in him," says Aylward. "He's

six feet and can throw the ball. The Redmen coach is impressed by the Wildcat sophomore's ball handling and his all-round athletic ability. "The only question that we have about him is his ability to run on the option." In last year's game All-MVC quarterback Stewart kept WHS drives fueled with bolts for good gains around both Tewksbury ends.

Senior Matt Riddle (5-11, 175) was one of those TMHS ends last year and you can be sure that he will be prepared for the WHS backfield show of Robarge, fellow soph Chris Briggs, and senior Jim Bibeau. Riddle leads the Tewksbury defensive point system that racks up stars on a player's helmet for outstanding plays and contributions during the course of a game. Matt will be charging onto the field Thursday morning with 50 red stars emblazoned on his helmet. "Riddle has blown the points chart off the wall," boasts Aylward. "He's set a record for defensive points and stars." While Riddle's forte at right defensive end is patience and discipline - the player on the other side has raw talent and enthusiasm pointing in his direction. Junior Dan Bradley (6-0, 235) started at the left end spot after junior John Burns injured a knee late in the win over Central Catholic. Dan's problems had been balance and footwork, but he showed some super potential in his first start at Austin Prep.

"Dan did a hell of a job against Austin Prep, picking up eight stars for the game," relates Aylward. What it all comes down to is that chance at another piece of that coveted top spot. Could this year's team have gone undefeated - or better yet - is this an even better club than the one that won a co-championship last fall? The TMHS coach searched carefully for the right words before saying, "that's a hard question. We've gotten basically the same efforts this

year that we've always gotten. On occasions this year we haven't played with the same enthusiasm we had last year. Our veterans enjoyed the success (9-1-0) and I guess that makes for a relaxed professional attitude.

On the MVC: "It's definitely a better league this year than in the past. If we had this same club two years ago we would have been undefeated." Two years ago the Redmen finished at 5-4-1 during Bob's second season as the Tewksbury head coach.

The coaching staff has confidence in the offense - an offense that has shattered all the records set at Tewksbury High according to Aylward. But the defense is what wins games for Tewksbury. When their defense creates turnovers - they win ballgames in bunches. "In the three games that we've lost in two years we came up with zero defensive turnovers in all three," reports Aylward. This year the Redmen defense has been forcing teams to punt more often but they haven't always been causing the big cough-up. "That's our game - pressure defense and get the ball," says Aylward. They'll be looking to do just that come Thursday morn.

Dracut	.....	7	1	0	205	52
Chelmsford	.....	7	1	0	98	36
BillERICA	.....	6	2	0	125	62
Tewksbury	.....	6	2	0	186	118
Andover	.....	5	3	0	129	143
Wilmington	.....	4	4	0	73	60
X-Austin Prep	.....	3	7	0	50	171
Law. Central	.....	1	6	1	58	119
X-Lawrence	.....	1	7	1	74	165
Methuen	.....	0	6	2	36	70

X-Completed MVC season
Games Thanksgiving
Wilmington at Tewksbury, 10 a.m.
Chelmsford at BillERICA, 10 a.m.
Methuen at Dracut, 10 a.m.
Andover at Law. Central, 10 a.m.
Lawrence at Lowell, 10 a.m., non-league.

Young talent for WHS

Future looks bright for Wildcats

Thursday's annual battle with Tewksbury hasn't received the pre-game attention that last year's "showdown" was given, and the reasons are obvious.

The Wildcats go into the game with a 4-4-1 slate and compared to last year it has been a disappointing campaign.

The defense has played well while the offense has had its problems moving the football. With the exception of the Dracut game the Wildcats have been in every ball game. Andover won in the last second 14-10; BillERICA won by a touchdown 7-0 and Chelmsford

controlled the ball the entire fourth quarter in a 10-0 win. A few if's and but's along the way and this season might have been different and second guessers wouldn't be second guessing.

Coach Fred Bellissimo is looking for his 12th consecutive winning season. The last time the WHS varsity had a losing season was back in 1965. Not bad when you consider the growth of the MVC schools over the years in comparison to Wilmington.

Thursday's contest is big from the Tewksbury standpoint as they have an outside shot to share the MVC title

providing both Dracut and Chelmsford lose. Many players who played on last year's squad haven't forgotten the 32-0 defeat last Thanksgiving. Since Bob Aylward left Wilmington the series stands at 1-1-1.

The future of Wilmington football looks bright. This year's junior varsity team finished at 4-4. Last year's team finished a perfect 8-0. The freshmen finished 8-1 under coaches Jim Tildesley and Carl Olson. Their only setback came against Dracut. Last year the frosh went 8-1 for a two season total of 16-1-1. While Coach Bellissimo is

not really worried at the present about the future, that facet of the WHS gridiron scene certainly looks good.

sophomore quarterback John Robarge will start Thursday with another soph. Chris Briggs also seeing action in the backfield.

Three fine backs who next year could be pressing for starting jobs are Rich Ballou, Mark Boudreau and Matti Phillips. All three had fine years for the freshmen along with kicker Mark Falcon who has been consistent from 35 yards out. When young talent matures the Wildcats could find themselves back on top of the MVC pack.

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